

Commercial Banks, the existence of dual control restricts the flexibility of Reserve Bank dealing with UCBs facing financial weakness. Further, Reserve Bank of India's Annual Policy Statement, for the year 2004-05, refers to the issuance of fresh licence to UCB Sector. It stipulates that in order to make this sector strong, healthy and stable, fresh licences will be issued only after a comprehensive policy on UCBs, including an appropriate legal and regulatory framework, is put in place. In accordance with the announcement, any fresh proposal for organization of new UCBs or for conversion of cooperative credit societies into UCBs is to be considered only after the situation is reviewed and a fresh announcement is made by Reserve Bank of India in this regard. As a first step, in view of the regulatory co-ordination brought about through signing of MoUs with State Governments and based on the positive experience of the Task Force for Urban Cooperative Banks (TFUCBs), it was proposed in the Mid-term Review to allow financially sound UCBs registered in States that have signed MoU with the Reserve Bank of India and those registered under the Multi-State Co-operative Societies Act, 2002 to convert existing extension counters into full fledged branches subject to certain conditions. Guidelines in this regard have been issued to UCBs on November 13, 2006.

For new branches/licences, RBI has informed that only upon completion of review of each State in regard to the progress of restructuring of UCBs, it would permit new branches/licences.

Foreign AID received by Charitable Institutions

†2933. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question No. 2922 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 20th December, 2005 and state:

(a) the number of institutions belonging to the Christian missionaries which have been registered as charitable institutions under Income Tax Act as on 31st March, 2006, in Chhattisgarh;

(b) the extent of foreign aid received by these institutions during the last three years;

(c) the number of institutions granted exemption under the Income Tax Act alongwith the extent of such exemption; and

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(d) the details of the institutions who file annual Income Tax return out of such exemption availing institutions of Chhattisgarh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S.S. PALANIMANICKAM): (a) 64 (Sixty four)

(b)Rs. 12.82crores.

(c)The entire income of these 64 institutions have been exempted under the Income Tax Act, 1961.

(d)All the these 84 institutions are filling Income Tax Returns regularly.

Computerization of SBI branches in Farrukhabad and Kannauj

2934. SHRI MAHENDRA MOHAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a)the details of branches of State Bank of India in districts Farrukhabad and Kannauj in Uttar Pradesh;

(b)the branches which are fully computerized and where ATMs have been installed;

(c)the branches where efficiency and customer-friendliness is lacking and those which do not have adequate space and computers often go out of order;

(d)the branches which fulfil the criterion for being upgraded;

(e)the branches where inspections have recently been made by the senior officers and what are the findings;

(f) the branches where customer satisfaction has been assessed/ surveyed; and

(g) the steps taken/being taken to provide the facilities/solve the problems?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S.S. PALANIMANICKAM): (a) to (c) The State Bank of India (SBI) has reported that they have five branches in District Farrukhabad and seven branches in District Kannauj. All these branches are fully computerized. Two ATMs are located in District Farrukhabad while one ATM is functioning at the Kannauj branch. All these branches are running satisfactorily and rated as customer friendly. The branch premises have adequate space. Disruption